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JAMES C. BATES PARTNER BATON ROUGE OFFICE

October 18, 2005

Hon. James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re:

Cibicides Hazzardi Zone, Reservoir F and Marginulina Texana Zone, Reservoir G, Lake Arthur Field,

Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana

Application is hereby made on behalf of Noble Energy, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Cibicides Hazzardi Zone, Reservoir F and the Marginulina Texana Zone, Reservoir G, both located in Lake Arthur Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana:

Cibicides Hazzardi Zone, Reservoir F

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cibicides Hazzardi Zone, Reservoir F, Lake Arthur Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Cibicides Hazzardi Zone, Reservoir F, designated as the CIB HAZ RF SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- To designate Noble Energy, Inc. as the unit operator for the proposed unit; 4.

- 5. To designate the Noble Energy, Inc. A. J. LeBlanc Estate No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order 29-E;
- 6. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
- 7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Cibicides Hazzardi Zone, Reservoir F.

The Cibicides Hazzardi Zone, Reservoir F, in Lake Arthur Field, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 11,422 feet and 11,544 feet (electrical log measurements) [11,411 feet and 11,533 feet, respectively, true vertical depth] in the Noble Energy, Inc. - A. J. LeBlanc Estate No. 1 Well, located in Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

Marginulina Texana Zone, Reservoir G

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Marginulina Texana Zone, Reservoir G, Lake Arthur Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Marginulina Texana Zone, Reservoir G, designated as the MT RG SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
- 4. To designate Noble Energy, Inc. as the unit operator for the proposed unit;
- 5. To designate the Noble Energy, Inc. A. J. LeBlanc Estate No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order 29-E;

- 6. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
- 7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Marginulina Texana Zone, Reservoir G.

The Marginulina Texana Zone, Reservoir G, in the Lake Arthur Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 12,015 feet and 12,244 feet (electrical log measurements) [12,004 feet and 12,233 feet, respectively, true vertical depth] in the Noble Energy, Inc. - A. J. LeBlanc Estate No. 1 Well, located in Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference was held as scheduled on October 13, 2005. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. At the conference, Mr. James F. Hardwick presented the bases of the applicant's unit proposal. Counterplans were presented by: David Sturlese on behalf of LeBlanc, et al; Bill McAlister on behalf of the Krielow Estate; Bryan Groves on behalf of Jerel Exploration, Inc.; Frank Harrison on behalf of Marion Hughes; and Stan Warburton on behalf of the Miller family. Each of these plans presented a different geologic interpretation; additionally, the counterplan presented by Mr. McAlister related only to the Cib Haz Zone, which he believes to be the Marg Howeii Zone. After further discussions, questions and answers, the parties were unable to resolve their differences and the conference was adjourned. At this time, opposition is expected at the hearing on this matter.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Lake Arthur Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Lake Arthur Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from James F. Hardwick & Associates, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

Enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent and plats showing the proposed units. Copies of this list and plats will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners,

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Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.

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CC:

Mr. Richard Hudson District Manager Interested Parties Interested Owners Represented Parties



